

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2012
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order.

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Council members Freeman and Hayes-absent

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Mary Ann Russini, 141 Roosevelt Avenue, asked when the Roosevelt Avenue Flood project would start and the process involved.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Administrator Perkins' Report

There was a TwinBoro Field project pre-construction meeting last week at which he was present along with Sue Connelly, Bill Ebenhack, Alaimo Engineers, Lt. Voorhis and the contractors. They are mobilizing tomorrow. The project is due to be completed May 30th, weather permitting.

The State of New Jersey participates in shared services with Pennsylvania. Every two years a conference is held. This year it is scheduled to take place May 22-24 in Pennsylvania.

Franchise fees from Cablevision in the amount of \$146,060, which was a decrease of \$5,089 from the amount received last year. The amount received from Fios was \$73,095 which was an increase of \$12,917.

The DPW bucket truck had an accident while doing tree removal. It was found that it had to be re-certified, which would cost more than \$23,000. The insurance company approved it.

The employee accidental policy renewal came up this year. This insures borough employees for travel. Following a review and removing employees who do not need this coverage, our premium went down from \$2,375 per year to \$950 per year.

Mr. Perkins is looking into putting cameras at traffic lights which would mean revenue from tickets for the town. It would be no cost to the town.

Another idea for a source of revenue would be to set up parking kiosks at the Brook Street parking lot and at West Shore. This would eliminate the need for issuance of permits.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Paster reported that he and T&M met with Tomco regarding the NJEIT Phase II flood control project. They were able to cut several easements and reduce the scope of some, which will reduce some of the costs.

He will soon prepare an ordinance for vacation of land at 8 New Milford Avenue. This is the last loose end of the St. Mary's intersection project.

He attempted to assist the Mayor regarding Joint Land Use appointments. He had no involvement in the original configuration of the Joint Land Use Board following a referendum but he thinks they have gotten it straightened out.

He received a letter from Mr. Slaman of the Shade Tree Commission regarding a borough tree cut down by a resident on Chestnut Road. There is a \$1600 assessment levy against the owner, which has been ignored. Mr. Paster explained that the Commission would have to go to court and have a summons issued for ordinance violation.

Engineer's Report

T&M Engineer Antonios Panagopoulos reported that the White Beeches Pump Station project punch list has been finalized.

The Library project should be completed by March 1st.

They met with some homeowners involved in the Phase II Drainage project. Concurrence of award was received today from DEP. Now they can move forward with contracts and pre-construction meeting.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the DPW for the job during the recent snow event. He also thanked the Police Department for the way they handled the issue at Grant Avenue and Mr. Triggiano for assuring the safety of the students and staff at Grant School during that incident, which ended up being a hoax.

Mayor Kelly brought up the school board election date change option. Moving the election would mean a savings of approximately \$16,000. The election can be changed from April to November if the Council votes in favor of the move; if the school board votes in favor of the move or if there is a petition by a certain number of residents to change the date. The Mayor feels that since the School Board has a meeting this Thursday and again on the 16th, they should be given the opportunity to take action first. The deadline is February 17th; therefore it was decided that if the Board of Education does not take action Thursday, the Council would call a special meeting.

Mr. Paster explained that if the election is moved it must remain in November for at least four years. If no action is taken, the Board of Education election would remain in April. The Board of Education budget would not be on the ballot unless it exceeds the 2% cap.

Review for Public Meeting:

RESOLUTIONS on Consent Agenda

#12-41 North Jersey Community Bank-Signature Authorization *

#12-42 TD Bank-Signature Authorization *

#12-43 Endorsement of "Read Across America" *

- #12-44 Approval of David E Owens Middle School PTO On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle, RL#356; ID#341-5-38317 *
- #12-45 Approval of David E Owens Middle School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle, RL #357; ID#341-5-38317 *
- #12-46 John P. Perkins and Mary Winner-Reappoint as JIF Commissioners *
- #12-47 John P. Perkins-Appoint as Clean Communities Coordinator-\$6,500 *
- #12-48 John P. Perkins-Appoint as Affirmative Action Compliance Officer *
- #12-49 Authorization of Bergen County Improvement Authority Bond Financing Program *
- #12-50 Hire John Pampaloni as Wastewater Consultant for the year 2012 *
- #12-51 Bills List *
- #12-74 Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held 4/14/12; ID#109-530683; RL#360 *
- #12-75 Approval of Mayor and Council 2012 Meeting Dates * Councilwoman Zamechansky stated that she feels there should be discussion prior to public meetings. The current resolution provides for a public meeting only on the third Tuesday of the month. Motion to **table**: Councilwoman Zamechansky; second: Councilman Stylianou
- #12-76 Re-appointment of Larry Bongard-Recycling Coordinator for 2012-\$3,778.16 * Mr. Perkins requested that the resolution to appoint Larry Bongard as recycling coordinator be tabled until next month. He had received a letter from the Bergen County Utilities Authority offering a recycling coordinator free of charge to sign off on all recycling paperwork. He would like time to investigate this more. Motion to table: Councilwoman Zamechansky Second: Councilman Stylianou All in favor.
- #12-77 Approval of Honiss PTA Off-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held 3/31/12; ID#109-534953; RL#358 *
- #12-78 Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle to be held 4/14/12; ID#109-530683; RL#359 *

Public Participation-Consent Agenda Only

Non-Consent Agenda

- #12-52 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2012
- #12-53 Appointment of Gregg Paster, Esq. as Borough Attorney for the year 2012
- #12-54 Appointment of Donald Holdsworth, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge
- #12-55 Eden Bergenfield Tax Appeal Settlement The Mayor stated that this goes back to 2009. He requested that this be reviewed prior to approval. Mr. Paster said this has been pending since July. Court costs should be a consideration. Motion to **table**: Councilwoman Zamechansky; Second: Councilman Carrick
- #12-56 Appointment of Lerch, Vinci, Higgins as Borough Auditor for the year 2012
- #12-57 Appointment of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer as Borough Bond Counsel for 2012
- #12-58 Appointment of Brown & Brown as Risk Manager for the year 2012
- #12-59 Appointment of Brooker Engineering as Borough Engineer for the year 2012- Councilman Carrick requested this resolution be **tabled** until the next meeting.
- #12-60 Appointment Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello as Borough Labor Attorney for 2012
- #12-61 Appointment of McNerney & Associates as Appraiser for the year 2012
- #12-62 Appointment of Arcari & Iovino as Borough Architect for the year 2012

#12-63 Appointment of Ronald Schmidt & Associates as Borough Historic Architect for 2012

#12-64 Appointment of H2M Architects as Borough Planner for the year 2012

#12-65 Appointment of Breslin & Breslin as Prosecutor for the year 2012

#12-66 Appointment of Steven Schechter, Esq. as Alternate Court Prosecutor for 2012
The Mayor stated that Mr. Schechter is a judge and therefore would not be eligible to perform as Alternate Prosecutor. Resolution **pulled**.

#12-67 Appointment of Louis DeAngelis, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2012

#12-68 Appointment of Florio & Kenny; Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello; Nowell, Amoroso, Klein & Bierman, Andrew Cimiluca, Esq.; Randall & Randall and Steven Schechter, Esq. as Special Counsel for the year 2012

#12-69 Appointment of Remington & Vernick, T&M Associates, Maser Consulting, Alaimo Group; Boswell Engineering, Birdsall Services, Neglia Engineering and Matarazzo Engineering as Special Projects Engineers for the year 2012

#12-70 Appointment of Robert Mancinelli, Esq. as Tax Appeal Attorney for 2012

#12-71 Appointment of Carmine DeMarco to the Board of Health

#12-72 Appointment of Thomas Ciotti to the Ethics Board-Councilman Stylianou requested this resolution be **tabled** because it was a late addition to the agenda and he would like an opportunity to speak to him.

#12-73 Appointment of Joseph Woska as Tenant Member of Rent Leveling Board

ORDINANCE

First Reading

#1439 Refunding bond ordinance providing for the refunding of certain general obligation bonds issued in connection with unfunded pension liabilities of the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, appropriating \$886,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$886,000 bonds of the borough for financing the cost thereof

Councilman Carrick asked that a proclamation be presented to Mr. Palmieri, former resident of Dumont and strengthening coach for the New York Giants.

Councilman Carrick expressed the importance of council members coming into Borough Hall to sign vouchers. Mayor Kelly said the chair of a committee should be the first signature and a member of the committee sign second.

Councilman Carrick suggested that Verizon be considered to come in to tape the Council meetings and have them aired on cable TV. Mr. Chen's videos contain commentary and blogs. The Mayor agreed that this should not be political and should be for the public. He has spoken to Mr. Lissemore from Time Warner who knows the cablevision representative here. His question for him would be whether FIOS viewers would also have access. Councilwoman Zamechansky said that they have looked into taping in the past and there were issues with sound and lighting.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk